

City of Central Falls
NUISANCE TASK FORCE

April 29, 2015 | 12:00pm
Central Falls City Hall, 2nd Floor, 580 Broad St. Central Falls, RI 02863

Task Force Members

Robert Weber, Esq., Chair
Elaine Partridge, Chair
Matthew Jerzyk, Esq.
Col. James Mendonca or designee
Chief Robert Bradley or designee
Lisette Gomes, Esq.
Bob Battey
Steve Larrick or designee
Dianny Pena
Hon. Ann Racquier
Sonia Grace or designee
Joe Lindbeck or designee
Tina Sullivan or designee

MEETING MINUTES

Robert Weber called the Central Falls Nuisance Task Force meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted. Present were Robert Weber, Elaine Partridge, Chief Robert Bradley, Captain Dorian Rave (Colonel Mendonca's designee), Lisette Gomes, Steve Larrick, Sonia Grace, Tina Sullivan, and Dianny Pena.

2. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes for the April 13th meeting were approved.

3. Special Presentation

Max Greene, Esq. from CLF Rhode Island presented the committee with the organization's regional plan: proposing to work with the people of Central Falls to legally make changes to ordinance regulations and be able to utilize underuse land for productive practices such as community gardens.

Steps:

- A). Steven Larrick will compile a list of potential participants.
- B). Max Greene will reach out to potential participants and organize residents to propose ordinance revisions to present to the Central Fall City Council.
- C). There will be a meeting to present ordinances that apply and possible changes.
- D). Property locations would be identified.
- E). Proposed changes to ordinances would be presented.

Nuisance Task Force committee concerns: Care and maintenance of community lots and possible rodent attraction.

4. Report from Chair Weber

Robert Weber updated the committee of four foreclosures happening within the month of May of which one is on the nuisance properties list.

5. Reports from Sub-Committees

There were no reports from Sub-Committees.

6. Old Business

Follow-up on Nuisance Properties

2 Fales Street

The manager of the property attended the meeting. He stated that he did not know of the problems occurring at the property until he received a letter from the Nuisance Task Force. He served a verbal eviction notice on 4/28/15 and is to follow-up on 4/30/15 with written eviction notice giving the tenant until of May to move-out. He will keep committee updated about the eviction process. As a landlord will be more proactive by building a relationship with the police department; he will stay up to date on any incidents reported to the police.

90 Clay Street

There were no actions implemented. Task force will serve a 2nd letter to follow-up; failure to address will result in summons.

107-11 Hedley Avenue

Both PCF Development and the Central Falls Housing Authority are interested in developing a homeownership property in the lot. Both organizations must submit a proposal by May 13th. RI Housing has paid back taxes on the property; Robert Weber will inform RI housing of the status of the property on the Nuisance Properties list.

693 High Street

The property owner has contacted the insurance company, currently waiting on investigation results. The owner plans to rehabilitate the unit.

96 Washington Street

The building has been in the current state for some time. There's an outgoing investigation and the building is currently secured.

84 Sylvian Street

The property owner attended the meeting. He is working on getting estimates but the property remains dormant. Property owner will be responsible for cleaning property on a weekly basis starting on the date of this meeting. Code enforcement will conduct an inspection of the exterior of the property 10 days following this meeting. The property owner will present his plans and timeline to rehabilitate the property on the next task force meeting 5/11/2015.

99 Darling Street

Task Force will try to have property owner present on the next meeting 5/11/2015.

713 High Street

The landlord is not being cooperative and canceled the last meeting.

87-91 Cowden Street

Permits are valid until Friday 5/1/2015 to prove the improvements.

93-95 Washington Street

Property has been deed to PCF Development.

661-63 Pine Street

Current Status: waiting on environmental report from HUD. If there's a closing on May 9th, the building will be demolished by the end of May.

49 Sheridan

Permits have been taken out.

7. New Business

New properties were added to the list: 163 Jenks Ave., 23 Fetcher St.
Task Force will discuss new system for tracking and removing properties off the Nuisance Properties List during the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

9. Next Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2015 12:00pm